

# NOTICE

## TO ALL GCWSA SEWER CUSTOMERS

### SMOKE TESTING SANITARY SEWERS

The Greenville County Water & Sewer Authority Maintenance crews will be conducting a smoke test of sanitary sewers of the Authority's system from the Country Club Road area South to the Emporia Greenville County line and all adjacent areas down the 301 north corridor and up Slagles Lake Road down to the 95 Overpass. The Westover Hills/Walnut Height areas will also be done during this time from April 25 2016 through April 29 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The test will assist Greenville County Water & Sewer Authority in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. During the test, you might see smoke coming from vent stacks on buildings and from manholes and holes in the ground. **DO NOT BE ALARMED.** The smoke has a mild to no odor and is non-toxic, non-staining, and does not create a fire hazard and will dissipate in a few minutes.

Before the Authority conducts the smoke test, please make sure there is water in all of your traps and floor drains and any unused sink and showers. If this is not done, smoke could enter your building through the drain. If you have dogs, birds, or other pets that will be confined alone in the building during the test, make plans for them in case the smoke comes in the house so it does not startle them.

If smoke should enter your building during the test, it probably means there are defects in the plumbing that could allow **DANGEROUS SEWER GAS** to enter. Note the location of where the smoke is coming from and if you cannot determine the problem, call your plumbing inspector or plumber to get the problem corrected. **OPEN ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS TO VENTILATE ANY SMOKE THAT ENTERS THE BUILDING.**

**Please notify us before we conduct the test if you have any of the following situations:**

- A person who will be alone and is invalid or sleeping during the test.
- Any individuals with respiratory problems who will be in the building.
- Elderly persons who will be alone and might be alarmed or confused if they see smoke.

If you have any of these situations or have questions regarding the smoke test, please feel free to call the office at (434)-348-4213.